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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Senator Abraham Ribicoff re

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1. I met with Senator Ribicoff today and provided him with a blind memo on [REDACTED] an American citizen who has had extensive contacts with U.S. intelligence services and allegedly has engaged in various blackmarket activities in Korea and South Vietnam.

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2. Senator Ribicoff mentioned at the outset that [REDACTED] had come to the attention of the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee of the Senate Government Operations Committee, of which he is a member, and it was obvious that the Senator had considerable information about him--in fact as it developed the Senator seemed to know more about him than was indicated in our memo. In this connection, I explained to the Senator that we do not make it our business to cover the activities of American citizens either in the U. S. or abroad but when we do come across this kind of information we pass it on to the appropriate authorities, in this case the FBI.

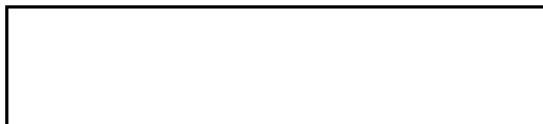
3. I told him we were responding in this case because of his personal request to the Director and the Director's desire to provide him with any information in our possession. Senator Ribicoff seemed to understand all of this and was extremely pleasant and relaxed.

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4. The Senator said he did not know much about the Agency but would like to pay us a visit sometime and I encouraged him to do so when his schedule would permit. He added that although he had no firsthand information, he had gained the impression in talking with various people around town that CIA probably had the most competent group of people in Washington.

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